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Advice in Abundance

When the Royal Commission on Penitentiaries concludes its sittings it will have on hand an amazing amount of opinion as to how penal institutions should be conducted. The testimony of inmates, of prison officials and of scores of people who have made a study of penology has been listened to attentively. Representatives of social and church organizations have expressed their views.

The opinions presented at the open sitting are as varied as they are numerous. For example, one proposal was that convicts be paid union wages for their work, with passing reference to the Soviet plan by which prisoners get a day off now and again to visit families and friends. Faddists are taking full advantage of this opportunity for airing their views. There is no likelihood, of course, that the Commissioners will be influenced by speeches having little bearing on the purposes of the inquiry, though there is the danger that the public may get the impression that time is being wasted in hearing such evidence. Still, the free-for-all nature of the investigation indicates that the Commissioners are proceeding with an open mind; convinced no doubt that from the mass of irrelevancy some thoughts of value may emerge.

Apart from this feature of the inquiry, many opinions of importance are being heard, such as criticism of political appointments to penitentiary posts. Instead of appointment because of political "pull," penitentiary officials should be chosen because of their training and qualification for the work to be done. This work is in a class by itself. Political methods, or even the methods suitable to other forms of administration, will not do among convicts. If humanitarianism is to go hand in hand with strict discipline, it calls for ability in prison administration that is all too rare.

The Commission has heard it urged that there should be improvement in penitentiary educational and training facilities; that penal problems call for scientific treatment, and that more should be done toward assisting the discharged convict to rehabilitate himself in community life. All this is along the line of sound penology, and it is what has been in the minds of Canadian people alarmed by what has been revealed of conditions in the penitentiaries. The real task of the Commission is to discover how it can be done.

Bonuses Don't Rehabilitate

Although there has been little surface evidence of a "soldiers' bonus" movement among Canadian veterans, inferences that some such capital distribution programme was being advocated could be drawn from the emphatic opposition expressed by Hon. C. G. Power, M.C., Minister of Pensions and National Health, in Montreal last week. His sharp and firm stand was elucidated by little known or appreciated Departmental statistics, which make obvious the impossibility of any such solution of recognized veterans' problems.

It was the fact, the Minister stated, that "total (veterans) expenditures takes up practically all the moneys contributed by the people of Canada in the form of income tax" since that tax was initiated. Something like \$950,000,000 has been spent since the war, with current costs running between \$55,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year. More than this, Major Power illustrated how these costs would continue to rise automatically. In addition to the \$41,500,000 to be distributed this year in 96,000 pensions there was \$4,200,000, or \$800,000 more than last year, going to those incapacitated veterans over 60 years of age eligible for special allowances. Between 1950 and 1953 this expenditure will reach \$13,000,000 annually.

There is also as strictly veteran expenditures, the cost of the eight military hospitals now maintained by the Government and \$2,600,000 a year going as subsidies to those veterans whose pensions are considered inadequate to cover family requirements.

The Minister of Pensions did not suggest that these statistics could be used to argue complete settlement of known problems. There were, he stated, approximately 30,000 returned men who had not been able to re-establish themselves and who were today dependent and unemployed. Neither the soldiers' bonus nor any other general solution could be applied to this situation, which, in his opinion, must be met by the workshops, the Corps of Commissionaires and the numerous other schemes as best they could, according to the conditions in each locality.

If it were supposed that a bonus payment similar to that made in the United States last year would solve the rehabilitation problem, there are more than statistics to demonstrate its impossibility. What the 30,000 dependent unemployed require is not a few hundred dollars, but the opportunity of supporting themselves and providing for their families. And this is a task that must be done by the veterans' organizations themselves, assisted by the Government, but more particularly by the communities in which they work. The attention Major Power has given the pensions problem since assuming the portfolio will be the soldiers' best assurance that the Government will endeavor to do its part.

The Power of Words

Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of Dominion Revenue, spoke entertainingly on the power of verbal phrases when he addressed the Ottawa Canadian Club.

Slogans and catch-cries, many of them with little literary merit, said the Minister, "have won wars, lost elections, delighted or enraged millions, and made or marred many a public career."

It would be difficult now to say how great apart the popular slogans, "A war to end war," and "Make the world safe for democracy," played in bringing victory to the Allies in the Great War, or to what extent the morale of the British people, both civilians and troops, was upheld by constant reiteration of the cry: "Are we downhearted? No!" But it is certain that they were strong auxiliaries of more ponderable weapons.

Probably it is forgotten that the last mentioned slogan was originated by the great Joseph Chamberlain, himself a famous coiner of telling phrases, for in a time of crisis in 1906 he declared in the course of a public address: "We are not downhearted."

And possibly no single sentence has had more effect upon British thought than the admonition, given at the London Guildhall in 1904 by Chamberlain: "Learn to think Imperially." To those words might be traced the beginning, in Britain, of the realization that the Dominions overseas were something finer and greater than mere scattered colonies of British people.

Is there any doubt that President Franklin Roosevelt's promise of "A New Deal" had much to do with the enthusiasm with which he was elected to power? The phrase was even more vague and indefinite than McKinley's slogan of "A full dinner pail," but it appealed to the imagination and proved its effectiveness.

And, whether it be part of the same subject or not, it is worth recalling that the song which has the greatest popularity on both sides of the Atlantic in several decades consisted of little but repetition of the meaningless words, "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay!"

SNAPSHOTS

There never was a nicer reception held at the Parliament Building than that of last evening. It was a credit to everyone connected with it.

Major T. C. Barker, A.D.C., had much to do with making the affair a success. Of course he had a competent wife to help him out. This is a big thing. We know that.

What's the big idea of organizations and speakers spending many hundreds of dollars in paying the broadcasting companies and then asking the papers to carry the same line second-handed for nothing?

The Moving Picture Censor made a hit with the girls at the dance last night. "Oh, my, he's good looking," they all said.

Hitler to Spain: "How dare you be so easy to abuse!"

Does the wife do more for others than she does for you? Well, they tell her how wonderful she is.

Babies are going out of fashion, but a vacuum cleaner will suck up tacks, pins and other floor litter about as well.

Danish physicist talked for two hours to a Toronto audience the other night, on the subject of "Light and Life," but on account of poor acoustics nobody understood a word he said. It must have seemed like grand opera.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, who greeted King George with a Nazi salute and a "Heil, Hitler," is likely to become von Ribbendetrop.

His Honour

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of the Province of New Brunswick on the obverse side and on the reverse side the first seal of the Province. The Royal Monogram G. R. VI is placed on both sides. There are decorations consisting of sprays of purple violets, the provincial floral emblem. On the staff of the mace there are representations of the purple violet, red spruce (the chief product of the Province) Maple leaves showing the connection of this Province with the Dominion. The stands for the mace are made of metallic gilt. All enclosed in a box of oak, lined with green cloth.

Accompanying this beautiful mace was a letter which was read to the members and which was as follows:

Fredericton, N. B.,
February 15th, 1937

The Honourable A. A. Dysart, K.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of the Province of New Brunswick.

Dear Premier Dysart,

I desire to have the honour of presenting to the Legislative Assembly the accompanying mace, through you as Prime Minister of New Brunswick.

The Dominion Parliament at Ottawa and seven of the Provincial Legislatures have long possessed similar symbols of authority.

Careful search and inquiry have not shown that this Province has ever been in possession of a mace. Its acceptance would follow ancient usage and present practice in the Dominion of Canada and in the British Empire.

In the coronation year of George VI my prayer is that peace and prosperity and every divine blessing be enjoyed by the people of our beloved and beautiful province.

Yours faithfully,
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Educational

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of America. Its population was later augmented, in 1783, by refugees loyal to the British Crown. Manguerville was for a time the capital of the province; there the court of general sessions was held; there all the public officials of that time, and the first established minister in the province resided. The first school on the St. John River was established at Sheffield; the first grammar school in the province of Manguerville; followed by an exclusive private school, the Sheffield Academy. At one time the present County of Sunbury was a large ship-building centre, especially at the mouth of the Oromocto River, and the first vessel which plied for regular traffic on the St. John River, the 'Lord Sheffield,' was built at Manguerville.

"Many famous lumber operators, leaders in business, commerce, industry, education, and judicial and political life, in both Canada and the United States, including three lieutenant-governors and two chief justices of the province, came from what are now the Parishes of Sheffield, Manguerville, Burton and Lincoln. As the population of Sunbury County has spread to the Parishes of Blissville, Gladstone and last but not least, the Parish of Northfield, so have its basic industries of farming, lumbering, coal mining and fishing, together with extensive fruit-growing and market gardening, grown and expanded, until now it occupied a leading position, in these respects, in the life of the province.

"Sunbury County has weathered the years of the depression well. Its County Council, of which I had the honor to be a member for several years, refused to adopt the system of the dole. Its people preferred to support themselves by their own efforts and their own resources. As a result it has no bonded indebtedness; it is blessed with comparatively low taxation; its people are self-reliant, industrious and thrifty. They have during the past two years been rewarded for their self-denial and perseverance during those years of depression, by extensive construction on the main trunk highways which traverse the county between Saint John and Fredericton, and we are deeply grateful to our present progressive and liberal government, for the work and wages which have thus been provided.

Major Lawson dwelt at length on the coal mining conditions in his county and showed the handicaps under which the mine owners and operators were working. He said that while industrial and commercial conditions in the province had showed a substantial improvement during the last few months that this had not extended to the coal mining industry. This was not, however, on account of any lack of effort on the part of the government, but to other conditions which have already been mentioned in this article. Speaking of education, Major Lawson said that it was of major importance and that it was encouraging to see that under the new Ministry of Education established by the present government a much needed improvement would be made in our educational system.

"A few days ago the minister of education, after a general study of our public school situation, published a statement which I will quote in part as follows: 'The facts concerning the system and organization of the public schools in the province are such as to justify immediate, radical changes. However, such a wide disparity exists between prevailing conditions and what may be regarded as a conservative modern system, that it is practical to develop only by progressive stages, over a period of years. It is our purpose to make progress as rapidly as conditions and circumstances will permit, in order to give our people the full measure of advantage they should enjoy.'

"Should this government have accomplished nothing other than the re-generation and reorganization of our educational system, at the conclusion of its term of office, it would have made the greatest single contribution of any government, to the welfare of the people of this province, not excepting even the organization of the department of health in 1918.

"But that is not all. From July 1 to Dec. 31 of last year, 9,986 aged men and women of the province qualified for the old age pension, which is the gift of the present government in the fulfillment of its pre-election promise. \$750,244, of which \$559,211 was contributed by the Dominion government, was distributed throughout the province during that period, an average monthly payment of \$125.040; thus saving many thousands of old people from suffering and want, relieving municipalities from the burden of the support of many of their poor, stimulating business and contributing materially to the general business recovery. Some there may be who are entitled to the benefits of this bounty who have not yet received it. Some few, as will ever be the case, who are not entitled to it may have done so. Others who do not qualify may be disappointed because they have not. We may rest assured, however, that under its present

efficient administration, all these difficulties will soon be adjusted. Another step has been taken along the path of the social welfare, happiness and prosperity of our people.

Free School Books

"Yet another step is the restoration of free school books last year, up to and including grade 5, which has afforded a great measure of relief to hard pressed heads of families. There are, however, many others who are struggling to keep their children in school, in higher grades, but who cannot afford the cost of books which increases with each grade. I believe that some provision should be made for their supply, in needy cases at least, up to and including grade 8, which it is necessary that a child should reach in order to obtain the essential requirements of an elementary education.

"Early last year, in the fulfillment of its promise to provide work and wages and relieve unemployment, and taking advantage of the present low rates of interest, the government began an extensive two-year programme of hard-surfacing of our main highways, with a view to facilitating traffic within the province, and encouraging and promoting the tourist business, thereby bringing in new wealth from without.

"I should not favor the construction of hard-surfaced roads for tourists alone, but I believe that we can no longer afford to be without them, considering the tremendous tax now entailed by the rapid depreciation of cars which have become a necessity to all classes of people, the increased consumption of gasoline and oil, the loss of life and destruction to property by accidents, the injury to crops by dust and the cost of upkeep of our gravelled roads; and that with the better, cleaner and safer roads, thus provided, we shall see a tremendous increase in the number of annual visitors to our province and a substantial addition to our private and public income.

"Throughout the world it is generally recognized that intensive electrical development is the key to almost limitless industrial and social advantages. The extension of the power plant of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and the additional power thus made available, is already proving a great boon to all parts of the province. This plant consumes slack coal, the screenings from the Minto mines, thus permitting the sale of an excellent grade, in different sizes, for railway and domestic use.

"The extension of the electrical service to the rural districts adds immeasurably to the comfort and convenience of the dwellers there, and offers an additional inducement to the small-scale industries. Electric power is now largely used in the operation of the coal mines in the Minto district; and the village of Minto. I may add, has lately been incorporated for street lighting purposes, and the necessary equipment is now being installed by the commission.

"The beneficial social legislation constituting the Workmen's Compensation Board, the reorganization of which has lately been completed, was enacted in 1918, under the same Liberal administration which gave us the Health Act. Abuses however, crept in; it became the subject of political interference; and its administration a burden on both industry and labor. It is to be hoped that the new board will show greater consideration to those who are forced to apply for its benefits, eliminate abuses and excessive costs of administration.

Major Lawson continuing his speech, suggested a stricter enforcement of provisions of the Fair Wage Act and of the maximum hours of work in some classes of industries. Certain industries require a much stricter enforcement and a much wider extension of our safety regulations and others. This applies especially to the coal mining industry.

He referred to the promised reorganization of municipal affairs which was long over due and to the revision of the Highway Act, the Rates and Taxes Act, the Municipalities Act and the School Act, all intimately connected with Municipal administration. All these, said Major Lawson, are entirely out of date. He believed that the law respecting the Inferior Courts should be revised so as to eliminate a rest for debt and provide some alternate method for the collection of small debts.

A reform of the Civil Service in New Brunswick was also advocated and Major Lawson said that this was strongly supported by the Canadian Legion of which he is the provincial president.

Major Lawson's speech was listened to with interest and he was loudly applauded by the members when he took his seat, as was also Dr. LaPorte, the brilliant member of Madawaska County.

It is doubtful that if at any time in recent years either Madawaska or Sunbury County have sent more energetic and brilliant men to the Legislature than they have representing them at the present time.

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Legislature

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from this House to His Majesty the King, upon his accession to the Throne and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

To peoples of this great Commonwealth, the Throne bears special significance and to this ideal all hearts warm with a fervour as perhaps never before, because of swift passing events. The dignity, the strength, the solidarity of the Throne is more firmly entrenched in the hearts of the people of this great Commonwealth of Nations perhaps today than ever before.

As the Prime Minister of Canada so beautifully said, "The double foundation on which the Throne reveals its true strength, resting as it does upon the essential relationship of the Crown to the people, namely on the part of the Crown consecration to all that is highest and best in the wellbeing of the People and, on the part of the people, loyalty to the Crown as a symbol of the sum and substance of all that is most cherished in the collective life of a nation or a people."

The message of His Gracious Majesty was directed to us collectively and individually as partners, as it were, in this great Institution, a Commonwealth of Nations. "I have succeeded to the Throne," said His Majesty, "in circumstances which are without precedent and in a moment of great personal distress, but I am resolved to do my duty, and I am sustained by the knowledge that I am supported by widespread goodwill and sympathy from all my subjects here and throughout the world.

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Hon. Mr. Squires

"From that crisis," Mr. Squires continued, "has come a great King." It was fitting, he said, "that we should add our voice to the mighty throng of his peoples pledging their loyalty and devotion to their sovereign."

An impressive moment came just as Mr. Squires had finished his remarks.

The Lieutenant Governor was leaving the building and the band outside started to play God Save the King. The music penetrated to the Assembly Chamber a faint, distant sound. Simultaneously those in the chamber rose to their feet to stand silently, until the National Anthem ended.

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